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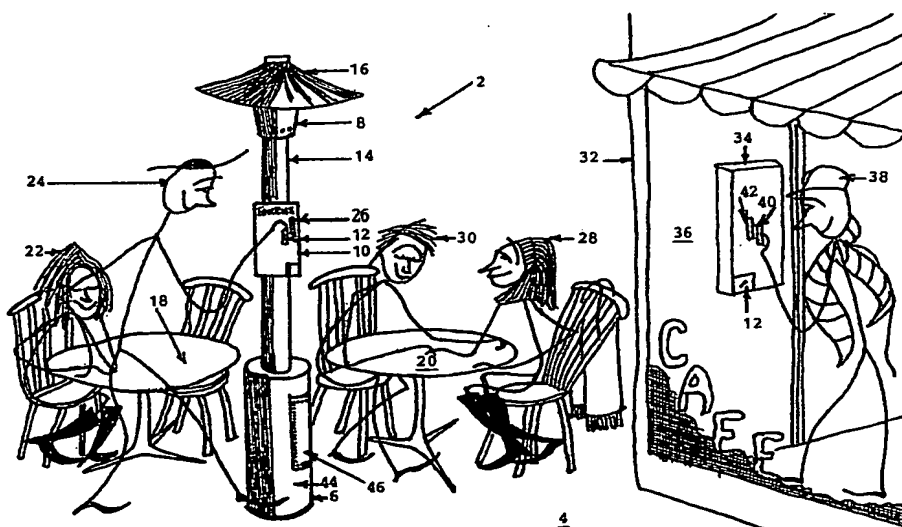
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(57) Abstract: A heating unit (2) for heating a patio (4), which heating unit (2) comprises a heater portion (8) which provides heat for the patio (4) by burning gas from a gas container (6), and a meter (10), and the heating unit (2) being such that the meter (10) is a token-operated or coin-operated meter which allows the passage of gas from the gas container (6) to the heater portion (8) on receipt of at least one token (12) or coin, and the passage of the gas is only for a predetermined time period after which at least one further token (12) or coin is required for allowing the passage of more of the gas for a further predetermined time period.